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SUBJECT: US-GREEK BASE NEGOTIATIONS-STATUS OF FORCES (SOFA)

REF: A. ATHENS 977(DTG 021530Z FEB 76); B. ATHENS 982  
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1. AS NOTED IN REF A, GREEK SIDE WISHED PROVISION EMBODY-  
ING GOG ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RIGHT OF ACCESS TO CERTAIN  
FACILITIES BY US GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES ASSIGNED TO GREECE,  
BUT NOT PART OF US FORCES OR THEIR RETINUE, MOVED FROM  
AGREED MINUTES TO AN EXCHANGE OF DIPLOMATIC NOTES. IMPE-  
MENTATION AD INTERIM OF NEW BILATERAL SOFA, AS DESIRED BY  
GOG, WOULD CREATE REQUIREMENT FOR PARALLEL EXCHANGE OF  
NOTES ACKNOWLEDGING SUCH RIGHT OF ACCESS ON INTERIM BASIS,  
WHEREAS FORMAL SIGNATURE OF NEW SOFA WOULD REQUIRE AN  
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EXCHANGE OF NOTES PARALLELING FINAL IMPLEMENTATION, TEXT

OF A PROPOSED EXCHANGE FOR FINAL IMPLEMENTATION, WHICH WOULD BE ADAPTED FOR EARLIER USE TO COVER INTERIM APPLICATION, IS PROVIDED IN PARA 2 BELOW. WE WOULD APPRECIATE CONCURRENCE IN TIME TO TABLE THIS AT NEXT SOFA SUBGROUP MEETING, NOW SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 4.

2. BEGIN TEXT: EXCELLENCY: I HAVE THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICAN AND THE GOVERNMENT OF GREECE CONCERNING THE STATUS OF UNITED STATES FORCES IN GREECE, CONCLUDED AT ATHENS ON -----.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO INFORM YOUR EXCELLENCY THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO CONCLUDE AN ARRANGEMENT WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF GREECE IN SUPPLEMENTATION OF THAT AGREEMENT IN THE FOLLOWING TERMS.

THE GOVERNMENT OF GREECE AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AGREE THAT THE UNITED STATES MILITARY POST OFFICES, COMMISSARIES, SERVICE EXCHANGES, MESSES, RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND BANKING FACILITIES ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO ARTICLES V, VI, AND VIII OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF GREECE CONCERNING THE STATUS OF UNITED STATES FORCES IN GREECE, MAY BE USED BY OTHER OFFICERS AND PERSONNEL OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, AND BY THEIR DEPENDENTS, WHO ARE OTHERWISE ENTITLED TO DUTY FREE IMPORTATION PRIVILEGES BY VIRTUE OF THE VIENNA CONVENTION ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS OR SPECIFIC AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS.

IF THE FOREGOING PROVISIONS ARE ACCEPTABLE TO YOUR GOVERNMENT, THIS NOTE AND YOUR EXCELLENCY'S REPLY THERETO INDICATING SUCH ACCEPTANCE SHALL CONSTITUTE THE AGREEMENT OF OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS CONCERNING THIS MATTER.

PLEASE ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE RENEWED ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. END TEXT.  
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